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Companies to receive Colorado Environmental Leadership Awards

DENVER –Gov. John Hickenlooper will recognize more than 170 companies on Oct. 3 for their outstanding environmental achievements that help keep Colorado a desirable place for people to work and live. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in cooperation with the Pollution Prevention Advisory Board and the Colorado Environmental Partnership, will present the 13th annual Environmental Leadership Awards at the Seawell Grand Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

The awards recognize Colorado organizations with gold, silver and bronze designations for voluntarily going beyond compliance with state and federal regulations and for their commitment to continual environmental improvement.

This year's program will recognize 19 new Gold Leaders, including Johns Manville, 1515 Restaurant and Boulder Scientific Company, which join 62 other companies and organizations already designated as Gold Leaders. There currently are 38 companies designated as Silver Partners and 14 companies designated as Bronze Achievers.

In addition, Gov. Hickenlooper will present one Gold Leader company with the "24-Karat Gold Award." This award is determined each year by the other Gold Leaders. Each Gold Leader company was asked to nominate an individual or team from their company who has gone above and beyond required job duties in the creation and implementation of a program or initiative that has made a measurable contribution to the environment, the economy and society. The 24-Karat Gold Award winner will be announced at the event.

The event begins with a breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Denver Center for Performing Art's Seawell Ballroom, followed by the awards presentation. More than 300 government, business and community leaders are expected to attend the program this year.

The Colorado Environmental Leadership Program is a statewide environmental recognition and reward program administered by the Department of Public Health and Environment's Office of Environmental Integration and Sustainability. The program is open to all Colorado businesses, industries, offices, educational institutions, municipalities, government agencies, communities, nonprofits and other organizations.

For a complete list of organizations with gold, silver and bronze designations and summaries of their environmental efforts, please contact Lynette Myers, Environmental Leadership Program manager at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, at lynette.myers@state.co.us, or visit the department's [Environmental Leadership Program](#) website.